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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO MINIMIZE THE FILING FEE

Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the filing fee.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 9 are maintained unchanged.

Claim 10,

line 1, after "claim 7, delete "and Claim 8".

Please add new claim 11:

11. Procedure according to Claim 8 wherein, if the result (CF) of the frequency comparison is below a selected limit value, the manipulation indication is assigned the value 0.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 11 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, Werner BLATZ et al.

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